

# **The ARPA-E RANGE Program -Driving Vehicle Level Performance**

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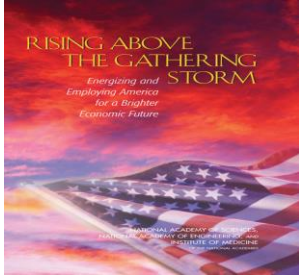
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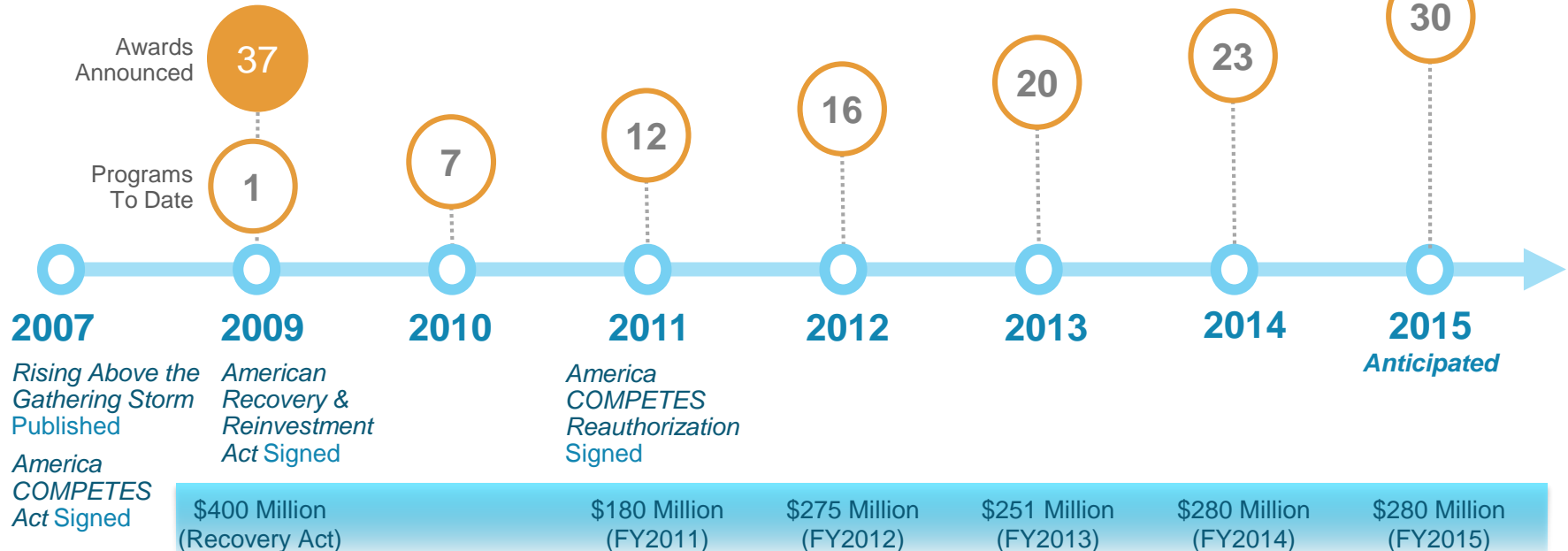


# ARPA-E's History

In 2007, The National Academies recommended Congress establish an Advanced Research Projects Agency within the U.S. Department of Energy\*



...“The new agency proposed herein [ARPA-E] is patterned after that model [of DARPA] and would sponsor creative, out-of-the-box, transformational, generic energy research in those areas where industry by itself cannot or will not undertake such sponsorship, where risks and potential payoffs are high, and where success could provide dramatic benefits for the nation.”...



# ARPA-E Authorizing Legislation

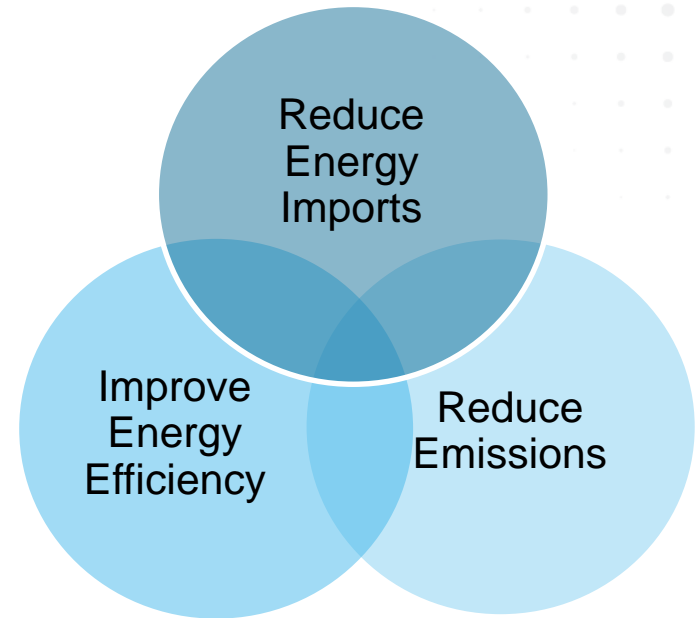
**Mission:** To overcome long-term and high-risk technological barriers in the development of energy technologies

**Goals: Ensure America's**

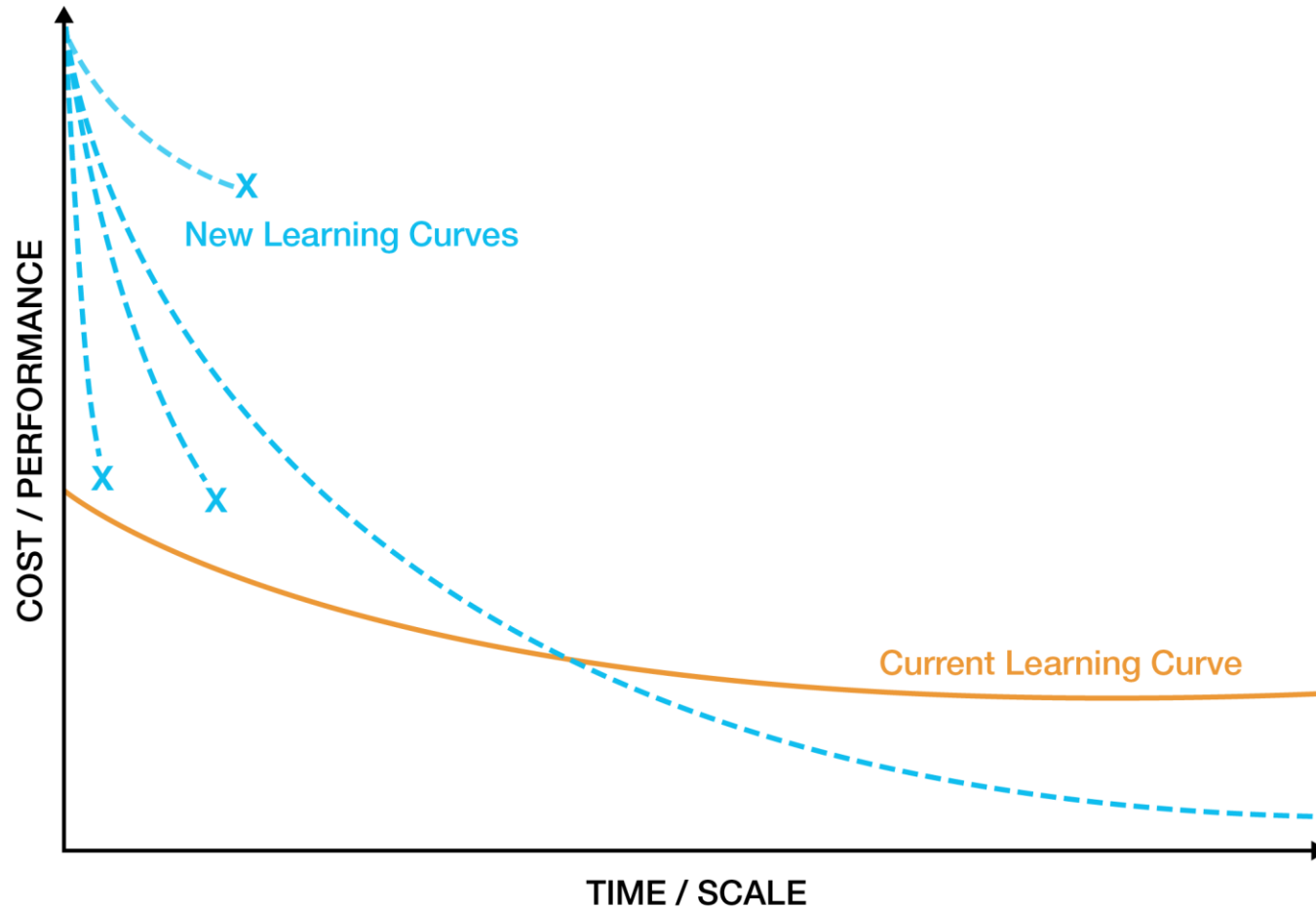
- Economic Security
- Energy Security
- Technological Lead in Advanced Energy Technologies

**Means:**

- Identify and promote revolutionary advances in fundamental and applied sciences
- Translate scientific discoveries and cutting-edge inventions into technological innovations
- Accelerate transformational technological advances in areas that industry by itself is not likely to undertake because of technical and financial uncertainty

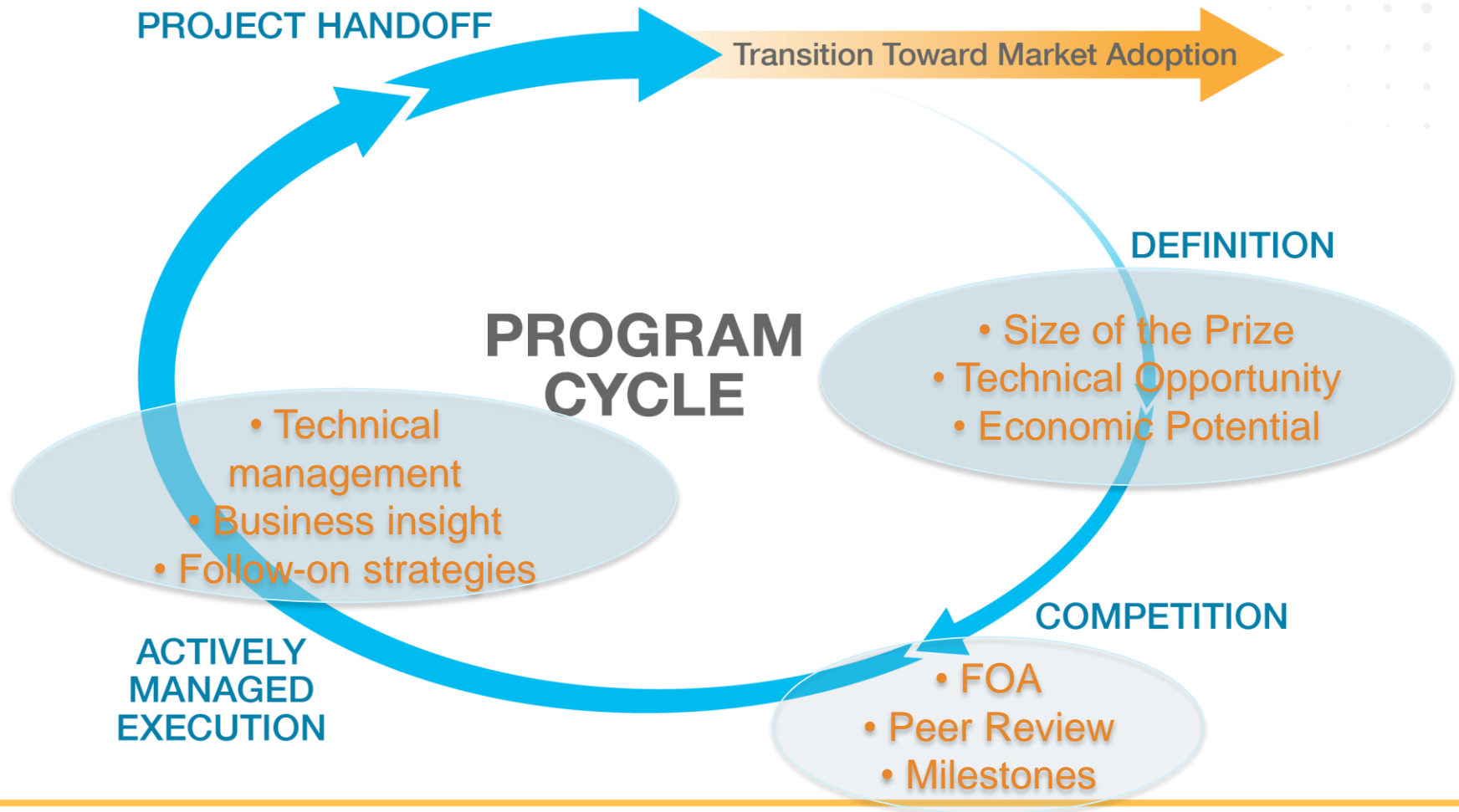


# Creating New Learning Curves



# ARPA-E Process

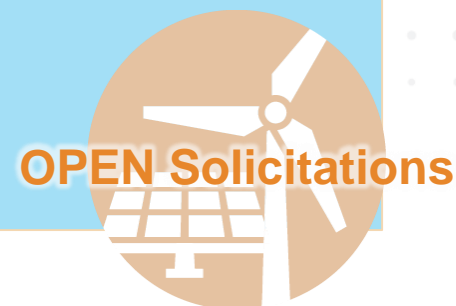
ARPA-E Program Directors and Tech-to-Market Advisors develop programs and guide project teams



# Programs

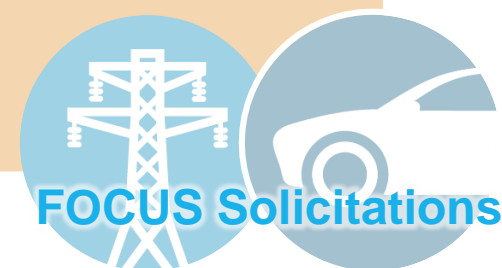
**OPEN** programs support the development of potentially disruptive new technologies across the full spectrum of energy applications.

- Complement focused programs
- Support innovative “one off” projects
- Provide a “snapshot” of energy R&D

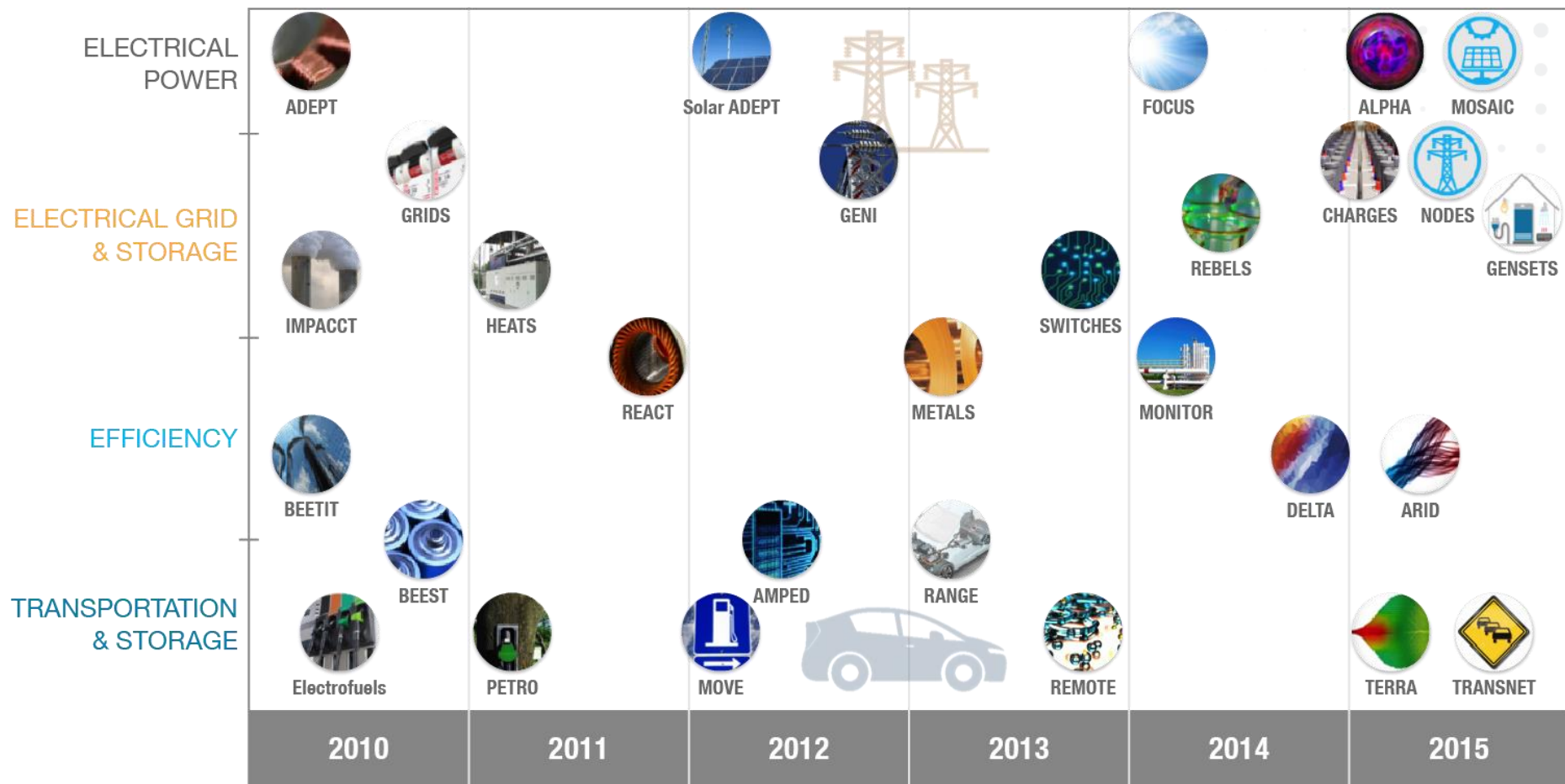


**FOCUS** programs identify R&D topics by potential to make a significant difference in ARPA-E's mission space.

- Size of the potential impact
- Technical opportunities for transformation
- Portfolio of projects with different approaches



# Focused Program Portfolio

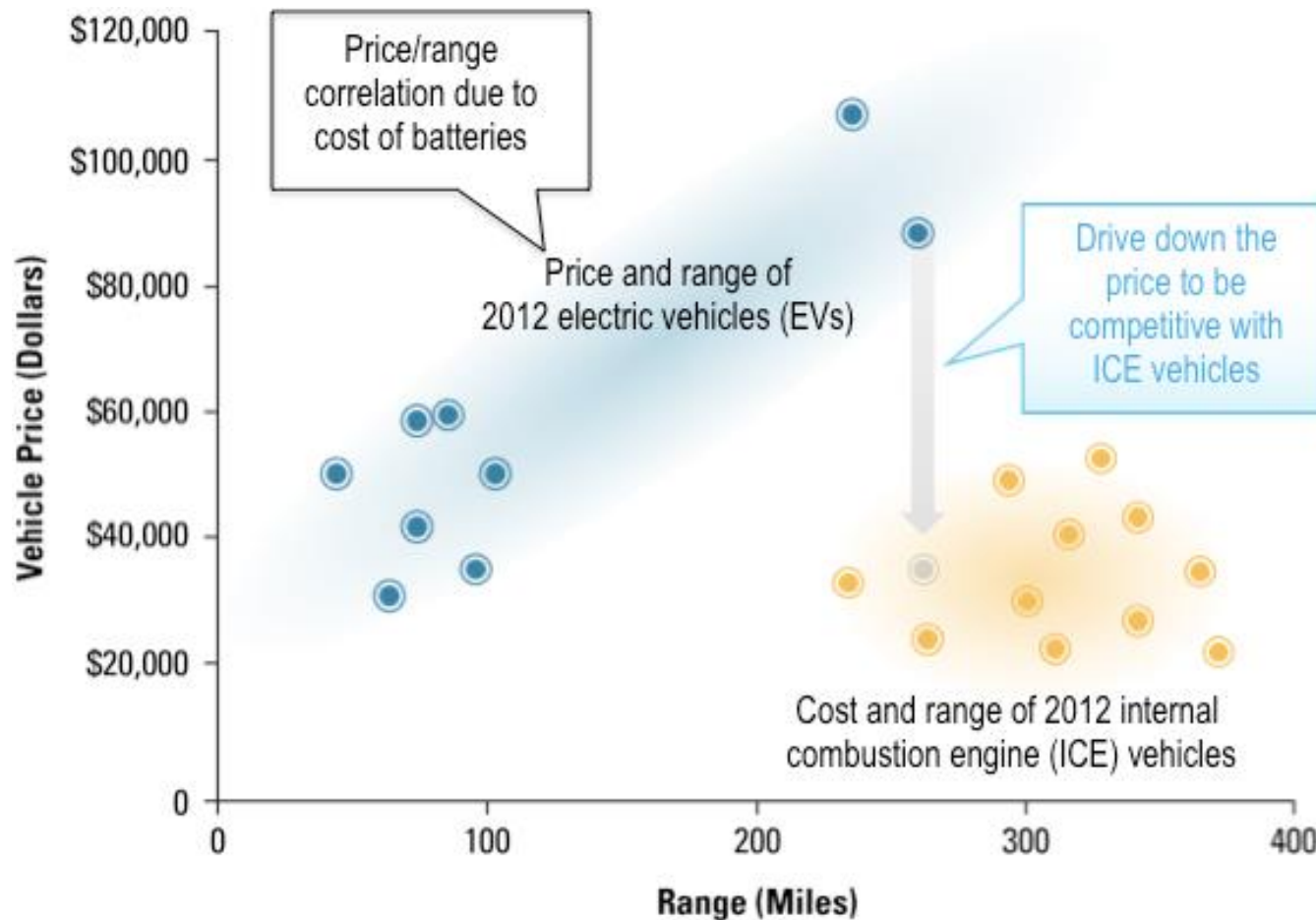


# **RANGE: Robust Affordable Next Generation EV- Storage**

**RANGE Program by Ping Liu – ARPA-E Program  
Director**



# Motivation: EVs Competitive with ICE Vehicles in Cost and Range



**Battery cost reduction is critical to reduce costs of EVs**

# A System Perspective to EV Battery Cost Reduction

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**Vehicle battery cost per mile of range:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \$_{battery}/mile \\ & = (\underbrace{\$_{battery-cell}}_{\text{Cost}} \underbrace{*pack-overhead}_{\text{Performance Abuse tolerance}}) / \underbrace{kWh}_{\text{Weight}} \times kWh/mile \end{aligned}$$

**Cost**

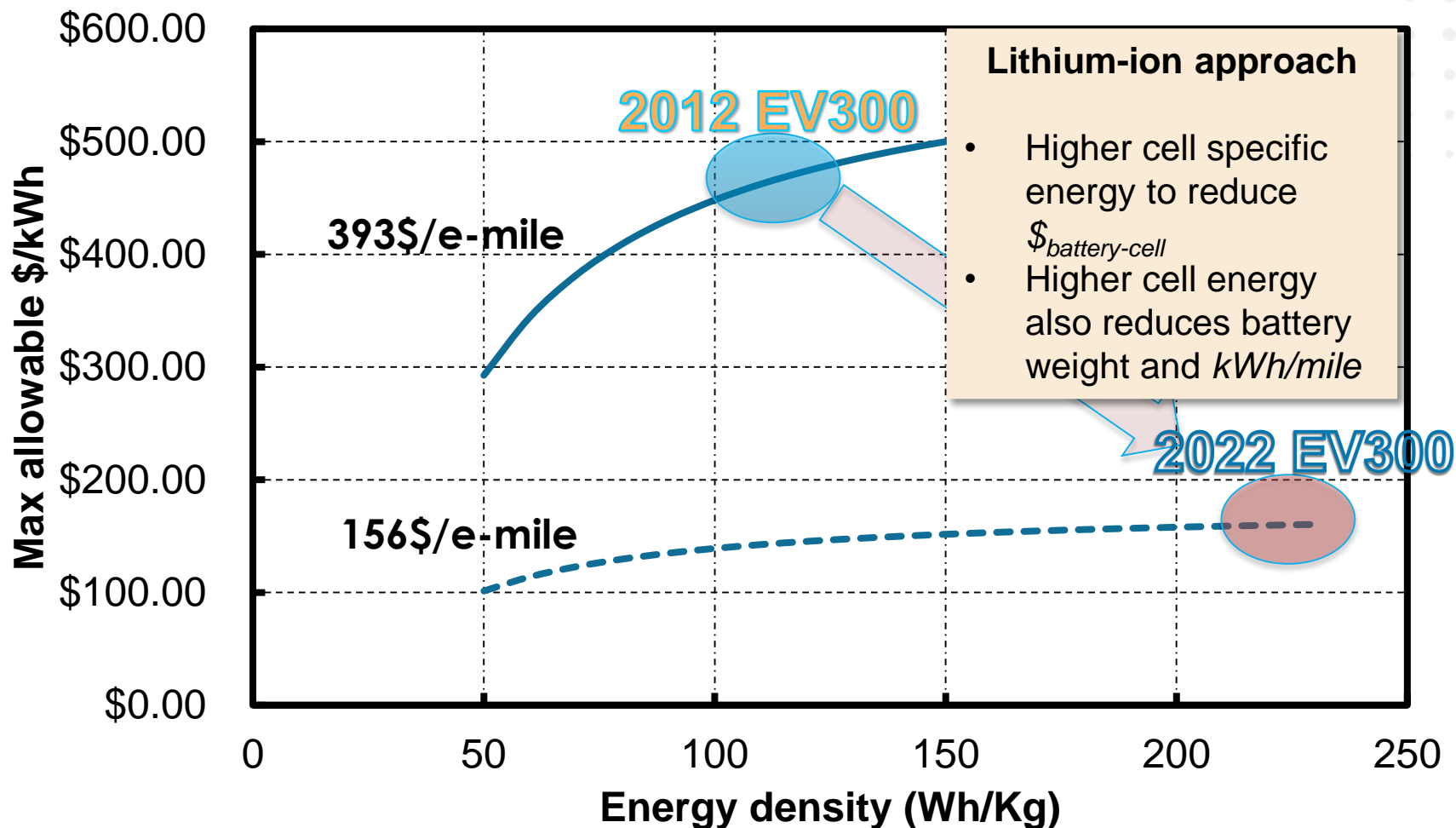
**Performance**  
**Abuse tolerance**

**Weight**

**Battery +  
rest of  
vehicle**

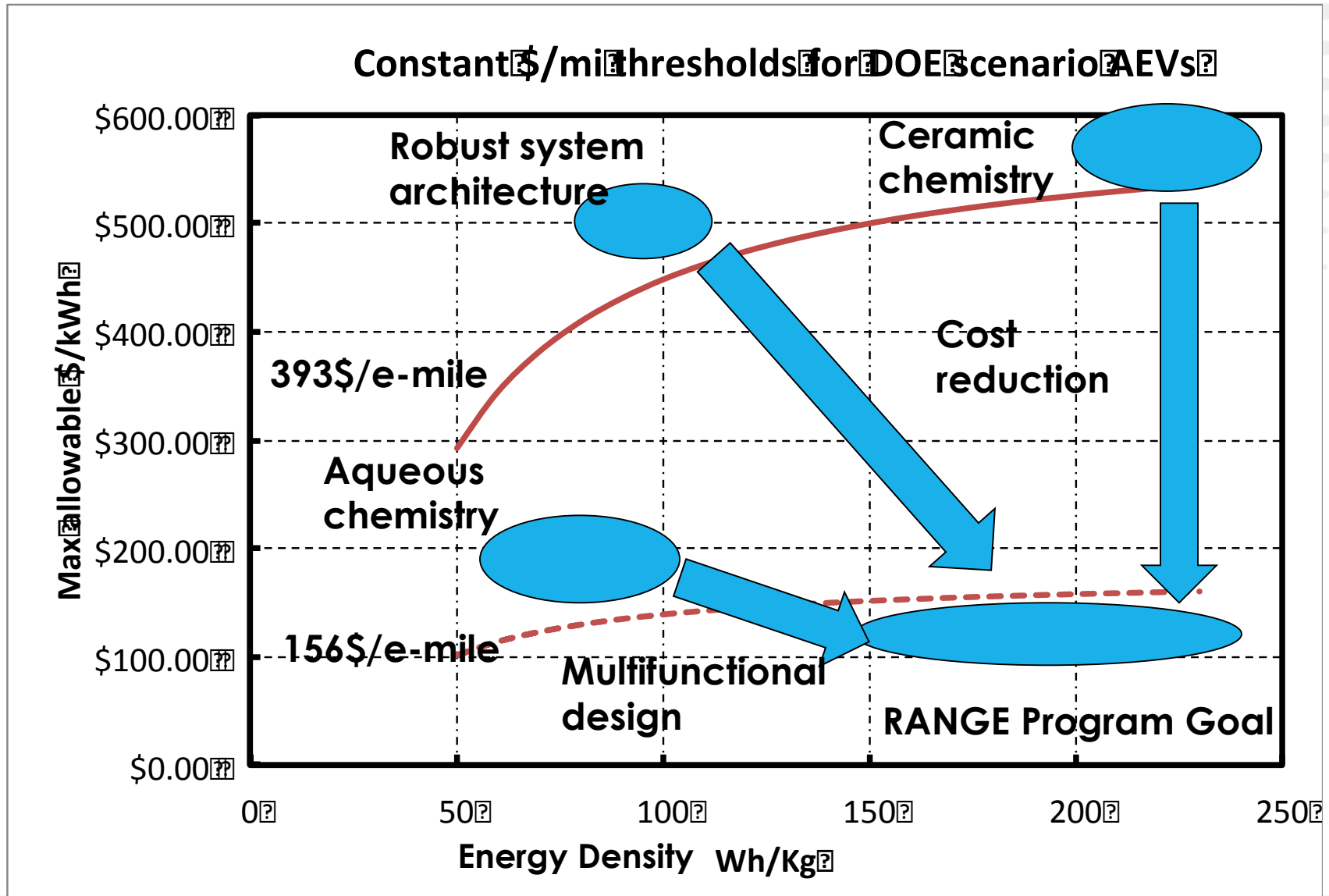
# The Lithium Ion Path Towards a Low Cost EV

## Constant \$/mi thresholds for DOE scenario AEVs



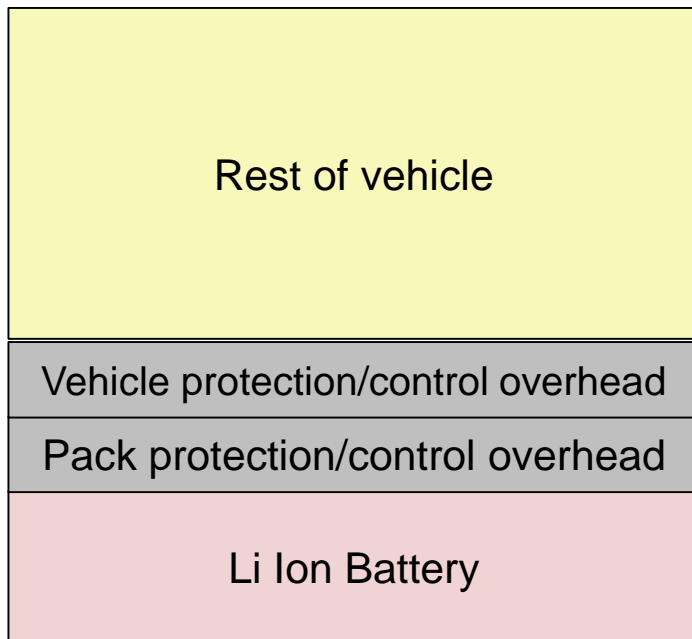
Thanks to input from J. Ward

# Paths towards a robust, low cost EV

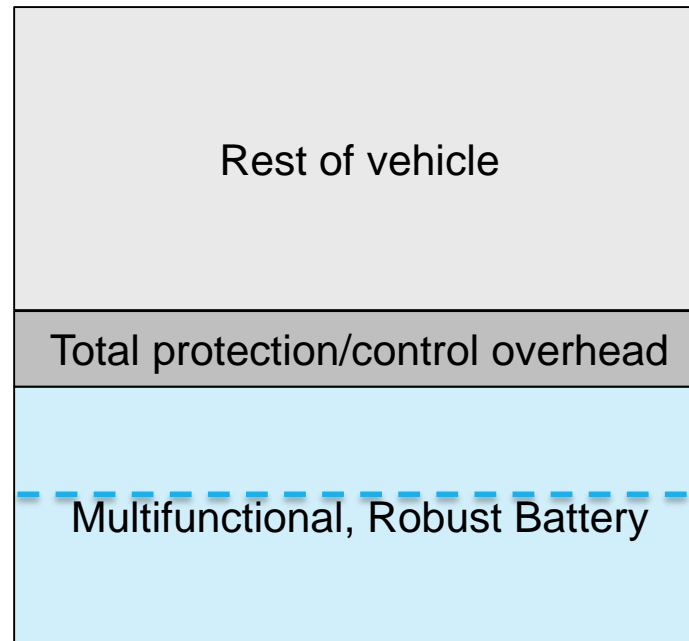


# Vision of an Alternative Path to a Low-Cost EV

## Future Lithium-ion EV

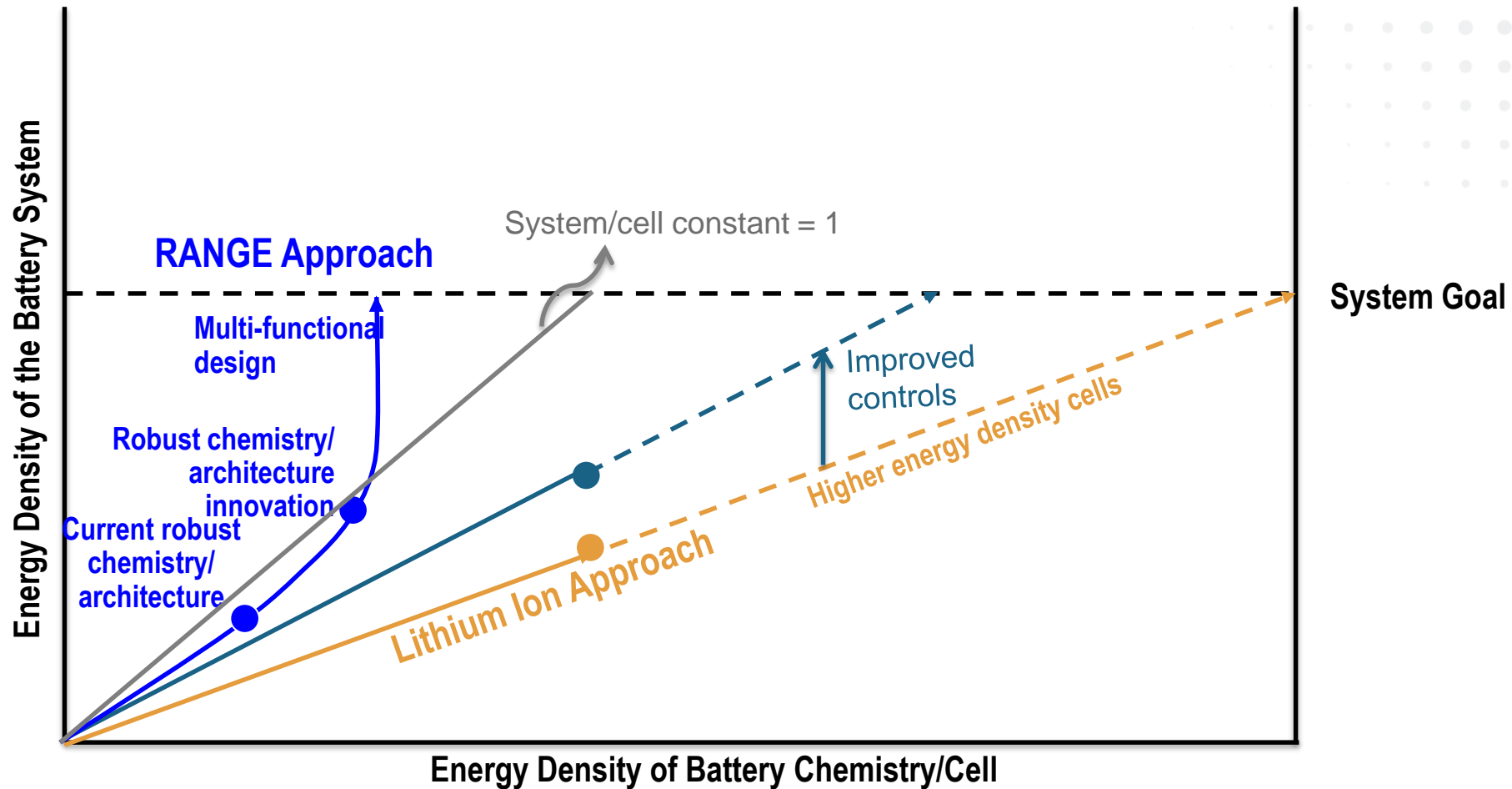


## RANGE EV

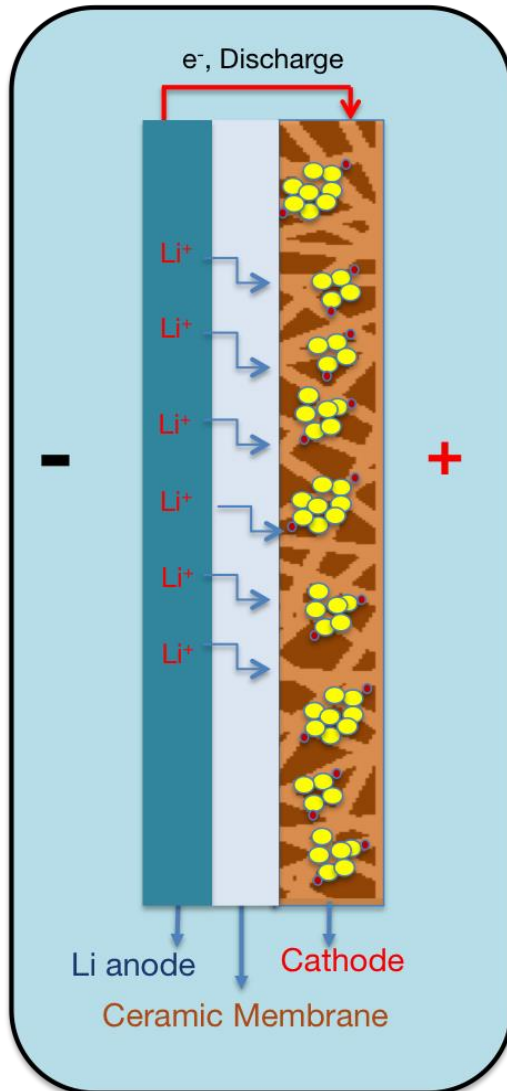


**RANGE explores low-cost battery chemistries without added vehicle weight**

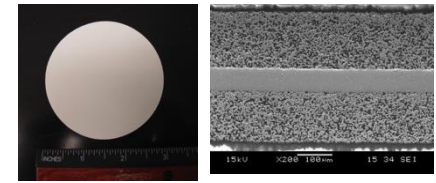
# RANGE Explores Whitespace in EV Battery Research



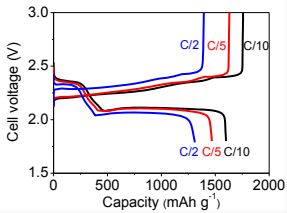
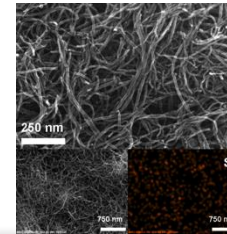
## Technical Approach Example: Ceramatec



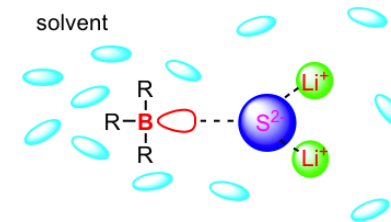
Development of non-porous planar  
**Li Super Ionic Conducting (LiSICON)**  
ceramic membrane with high conductivity.



## Sulfur-CNT composite cathode



## New solvent additive

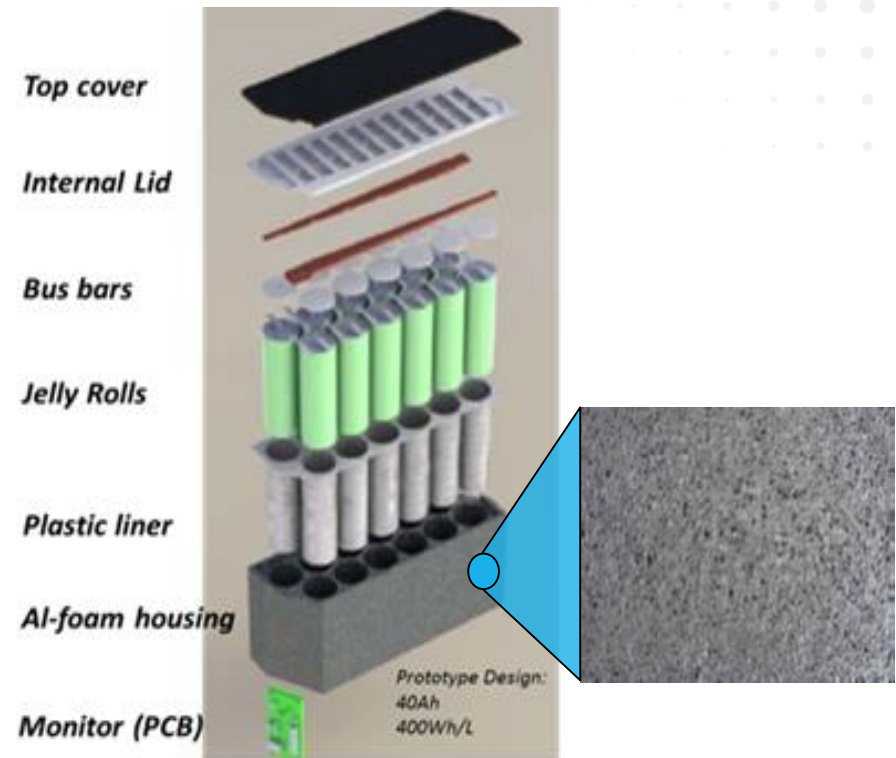
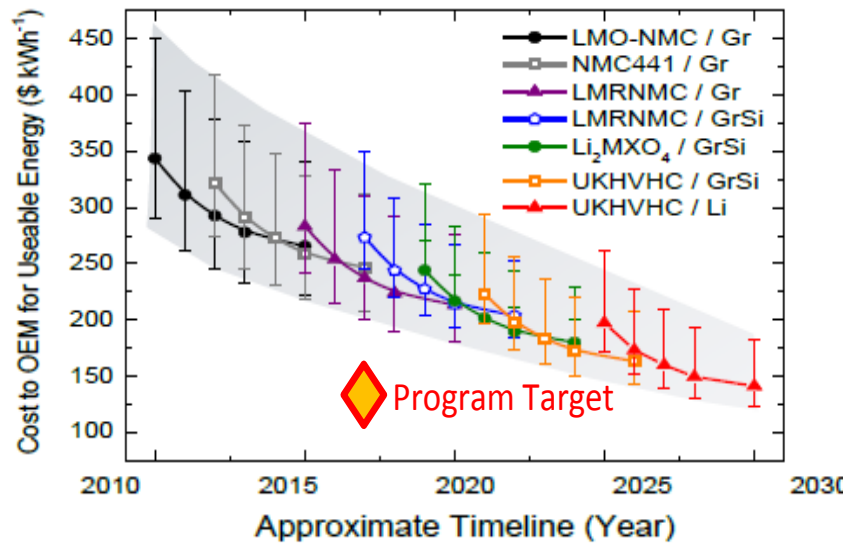


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Cell testing, system modeling,  
defining customer requirements



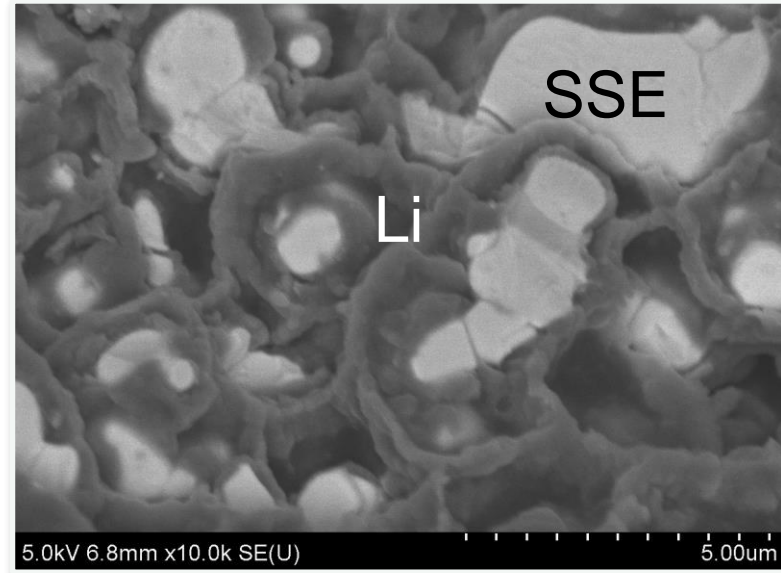
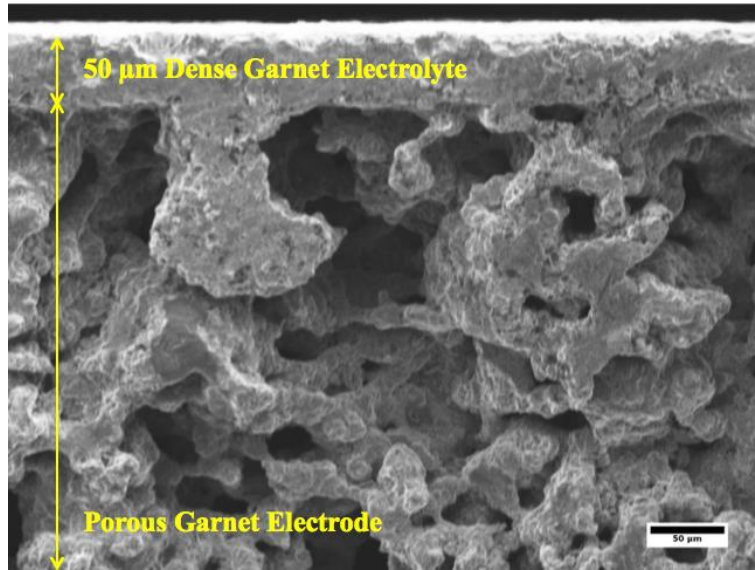
# Technical Approach Example: Cadenza Innovation, LLC



Team: cloteam llc, Magna Steyr Battery Systems NA, Chrysler/FIAT Group  
National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), and MIT



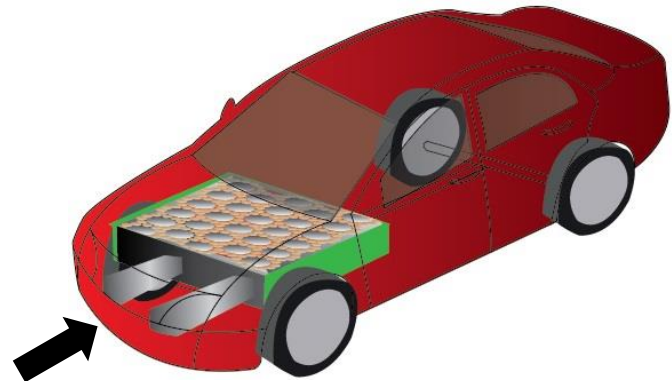
# Technical Approach Example: Univ. of Md.



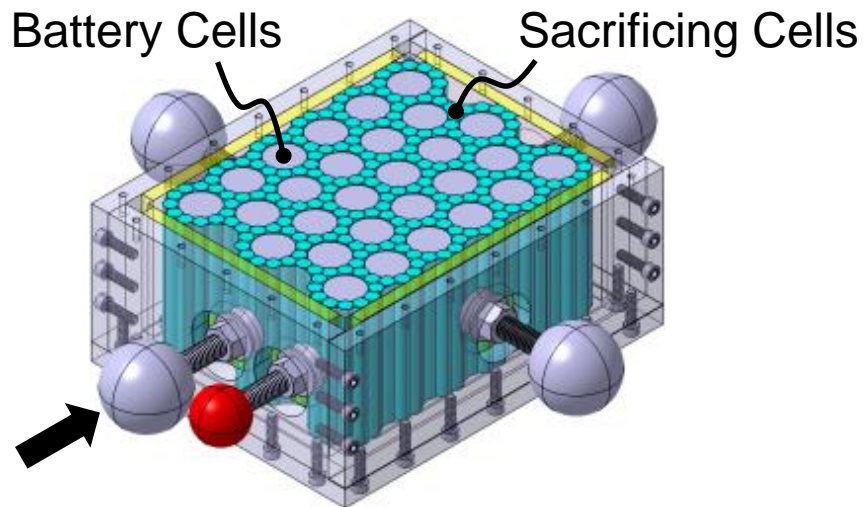
Demonstrated cycling of high capacity lithium all solid state cell using garnet solid state electrolyte (SSE)



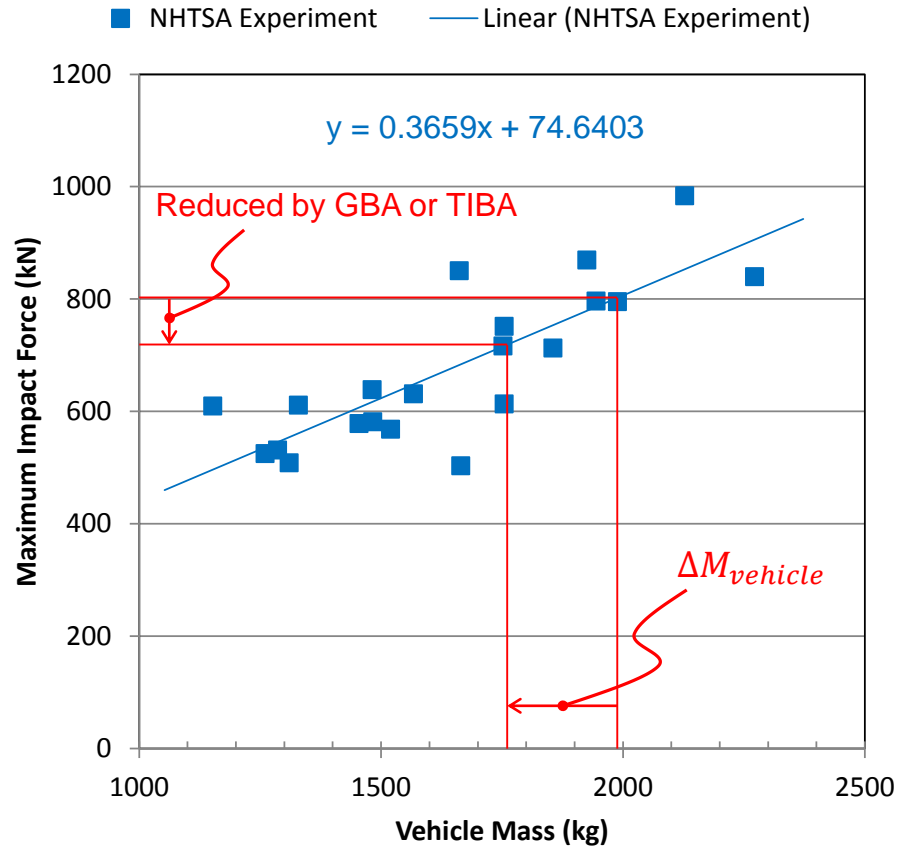
# Technical Approach Example: Purdue Univ.



**Granular Battery Assembly (GBA) Conceptual Sketch**



**GBA Scaled-down Prototype**

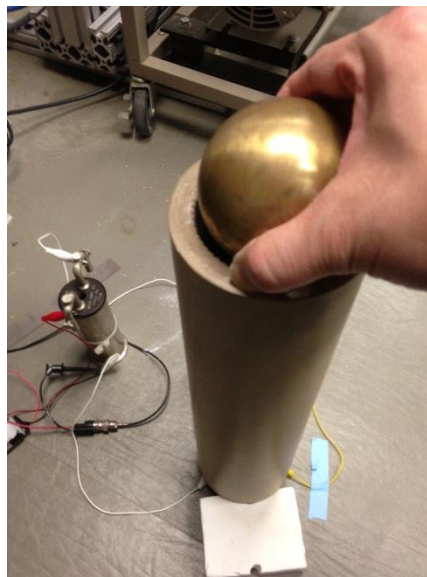
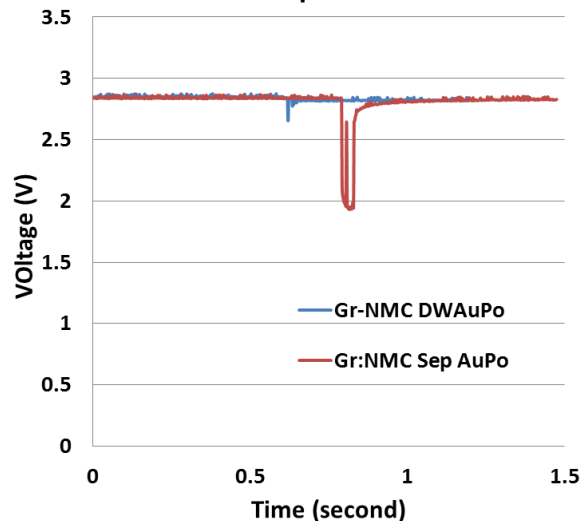


A slight reduction in peak impact force can lead to significant vehicle weight reduction.

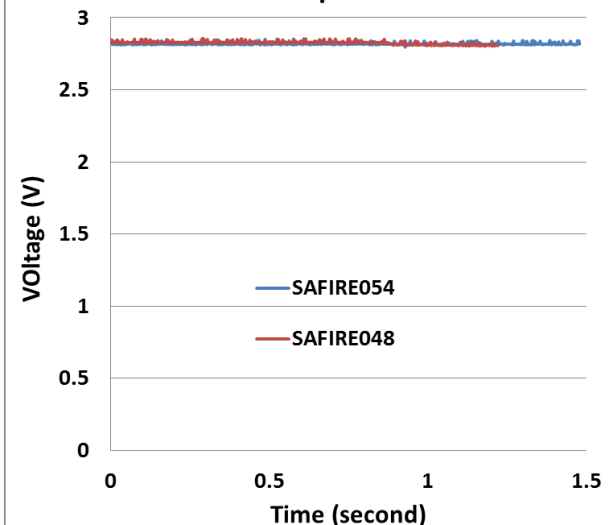
# Technical Approach Example: ORNL

Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)

Drop Tests



Drop Tests



Standard electrolyte

Shorting due to  
separator failure



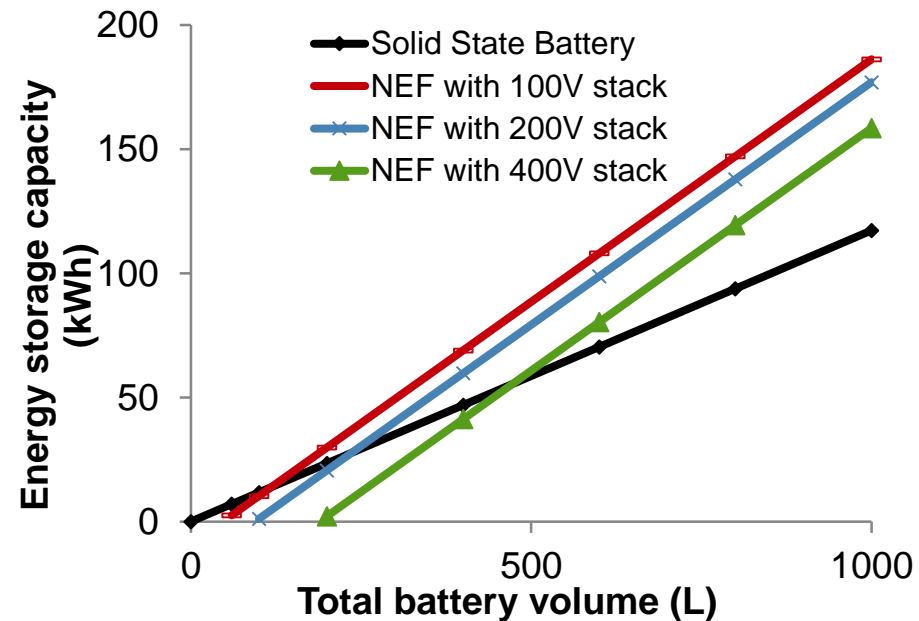
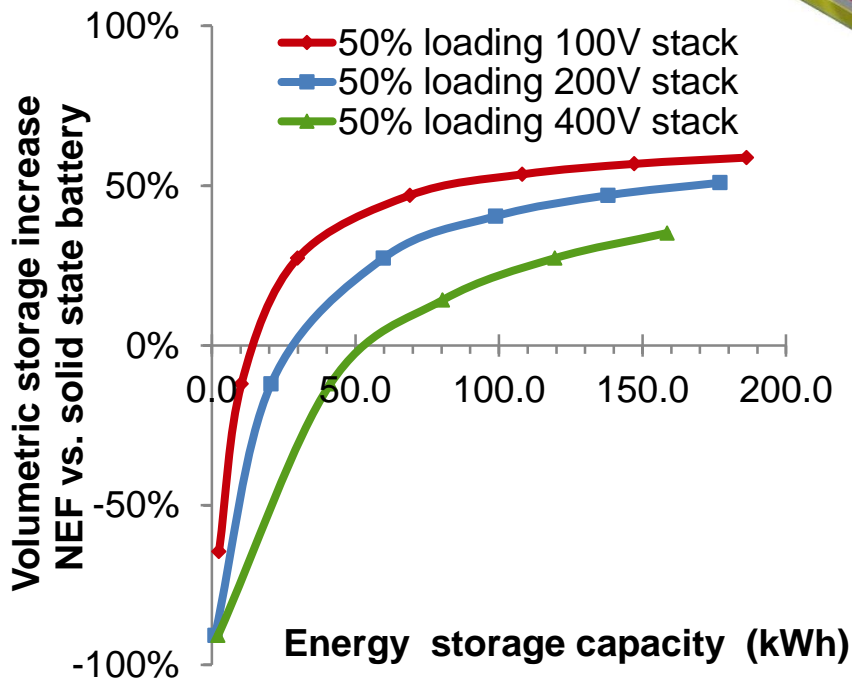
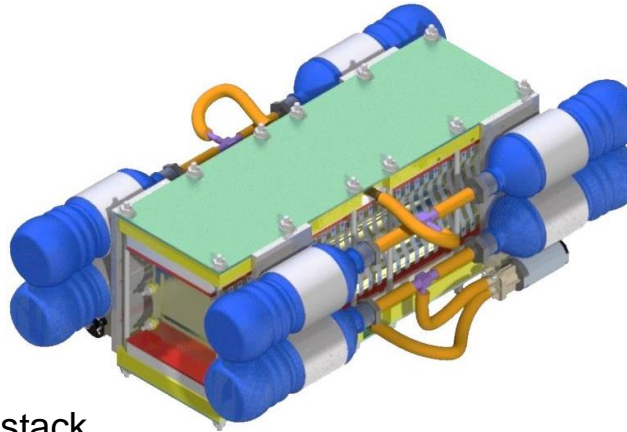
SAFIRE electrolyte

No shorts upon impact!

# Technical Approach Example: IIT/ANL

Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT)/Argonne National Laboratory (ANL)

NEF Battery: high energy density  
solid state chemistries in  
pumpable format

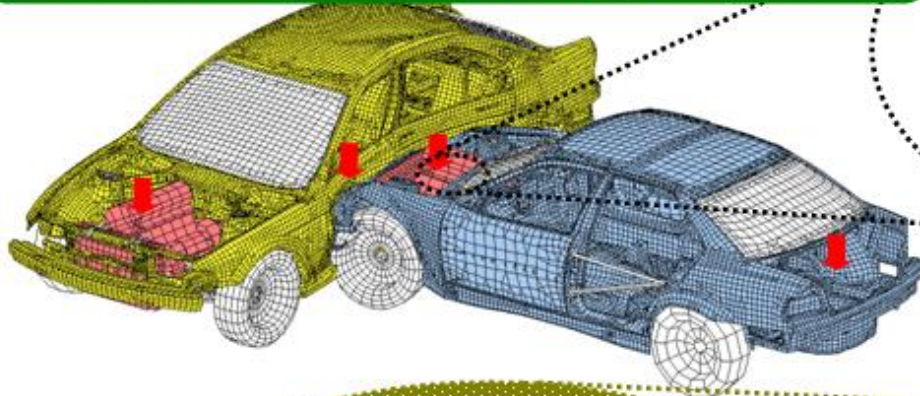




# Technical Approach Example: UCSD

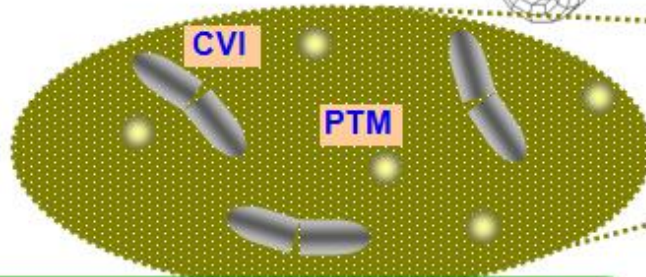
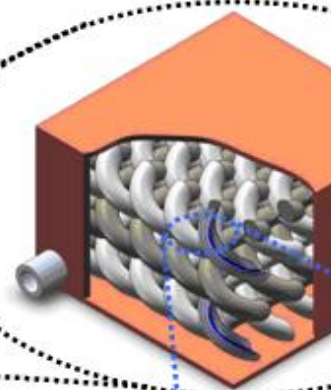
University of California San Diego (UCSD)

**Vehicle level:** Computer simulation to optimize structures and locations of multifunctional battery packs, which significantly saves cost and weight of auto frame.



**Module/pack level:** Multifunctional arrays and trusses formed by cells

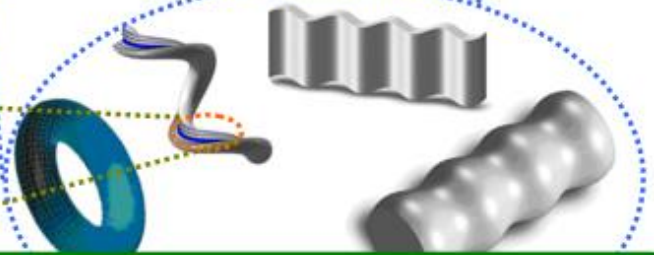
- In normal operation or mild collisions: structurally stable & load-carrying
- In a moderate collision: crash protection at the module/pack level; cells are undamaged & reusable
- In an intense collision: crash protection at all levels



**Electrode level:** Functional electrode (FE) arrests thermal runaway.

## **Cell level:**

- Cells may be either “soft” (energy absorbing; e.g. spring-like or wavy-plate shaped) or “hard” (undamaged and reusable), depending on the intensity of collision and the functional requirements.
- Low-cost, minichannels based BTMS



# RANGE Program

## Aqueous



## Robust Non-aqueous



## Solid State



## Multifunctional



# Reduced Emission Vehicles

## - Summary of ARPA-E's Efforts

### Lightweighting:

**METALS:** reduce cost and production energy



### Alternative Fuels:

**MOVE:** methane storage

**REMOTE:** methane conversion

**Electrofuel:** synthetic fuel

**PETRO:** alternative bio-fuel

**REBELS:** fuel cells for distributed generation, possibly suitable for transportation

### Electrification:

**BEEST:** reduce battery weight and volume

**AMPED:** optimize the use of batteries

**RANGE:** robust storage to minimize vehicle system weight and cost

**HEATS:** thermal storage to reduce battery use

**REACT:** alternative magnetic materials

### Climate Control:

**DELTA:** personal thermal comfort

# Air travel for short-duration trips

## Shorten travel times

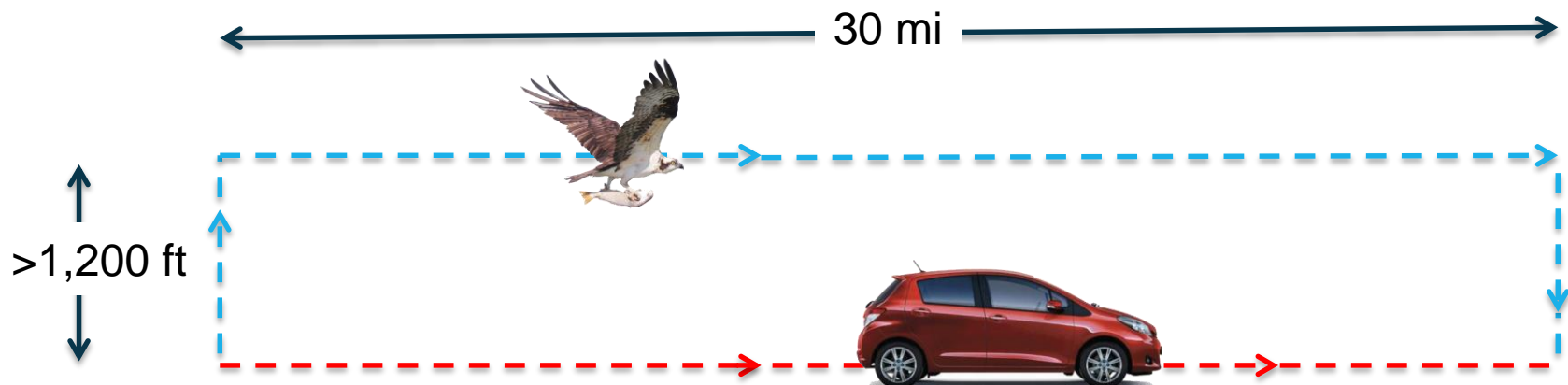
- Average speed: **>100 mph** vs. average city speed **~30 mph**

## Reduce idling and braking

## Direct routes

## Potential for safer travel

- In a collision of 1,500 lb car vs. 15,000 lb truck, who wins?





# Move toward automation



Collision avoidance



Vehicle-to-vehicle communication



*Autonomous vehicles*

**Sensing**

**Communication**

**Intelligent  
Controls**

Fly-by-Wire



Semi-autonomous  
unmanned aerial vehicle



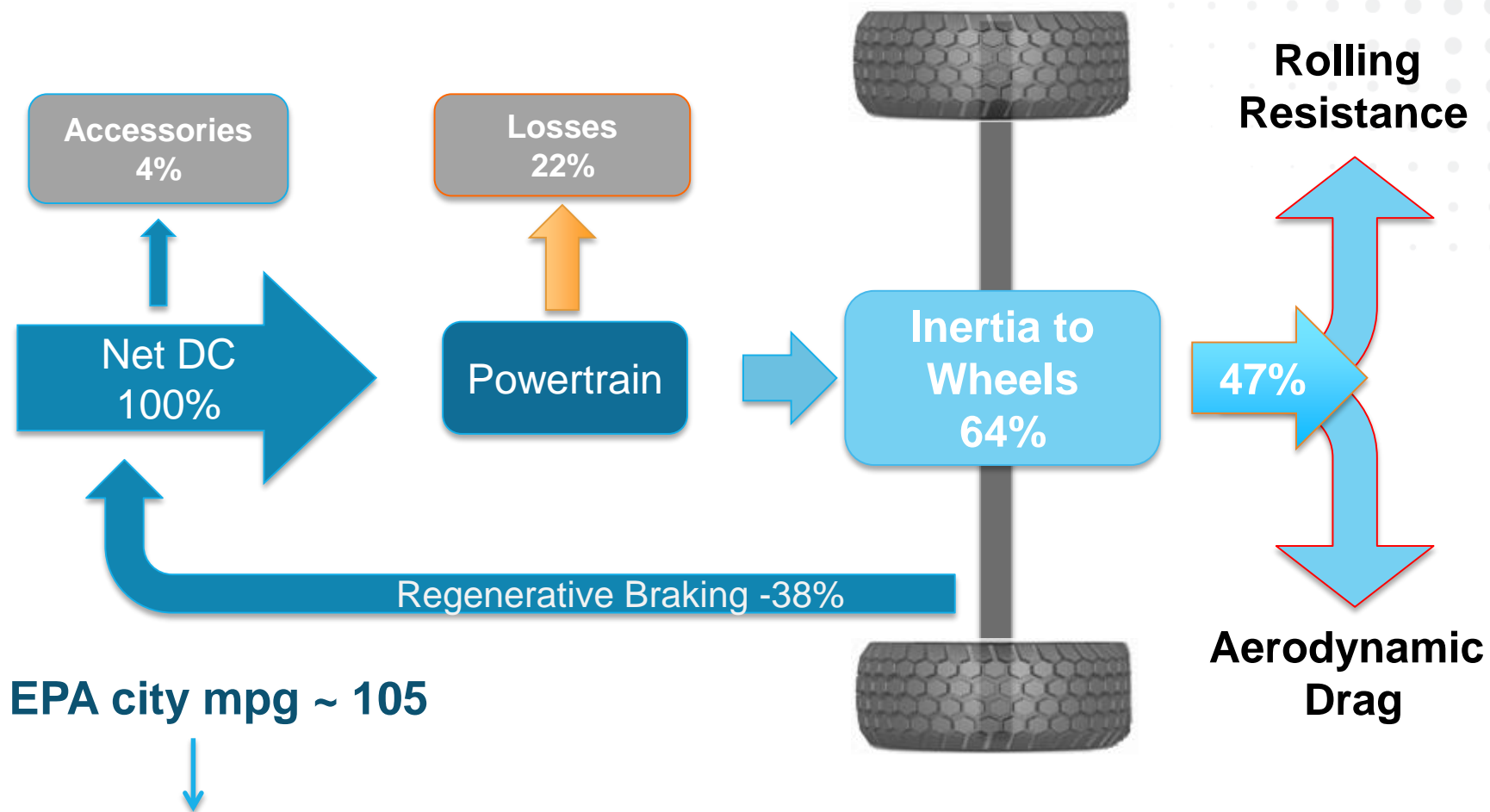
*Fully autonomous aircraft*

# 'Flying cars' are cool...

## Would they consume much more energy?



# Breakdown of electric vehicle losses



EPA city mpg ~ 105

65 mpg in heavy summer traffic

Nissan Leaf. Argonne National Laboratory



# Current light aircraft



## Sikorsky S-333™

- **MPG ~ 5**
- 2,460 lbs
- 4 person



## Cirrus SR22

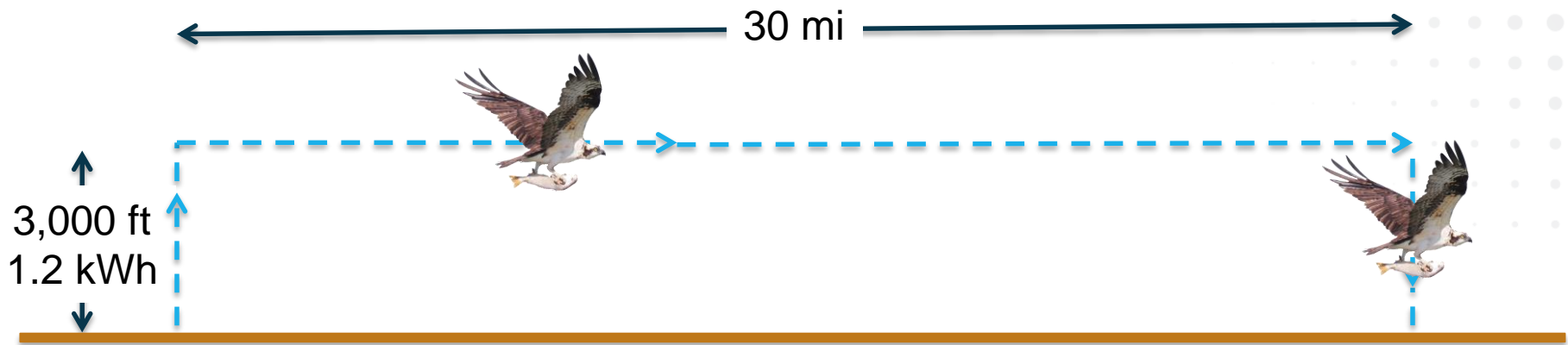
- **MPG ~ 16**
- 3,600 lbs
- 4 person



## Camcopter® S-100 (UAV)

- **MPG ~ 8**
- 441 lbs

# Estimation of MPG for VTOL



$$C_D = C_d + \frac{C_L^2}{\rho \times AR \times e_s}$$

$$F_D = \frac{1}{2} r S C_D v^2$$

*Losses from drag in cruise*

$$E = mgh$$

*Potential energy of aircraft*

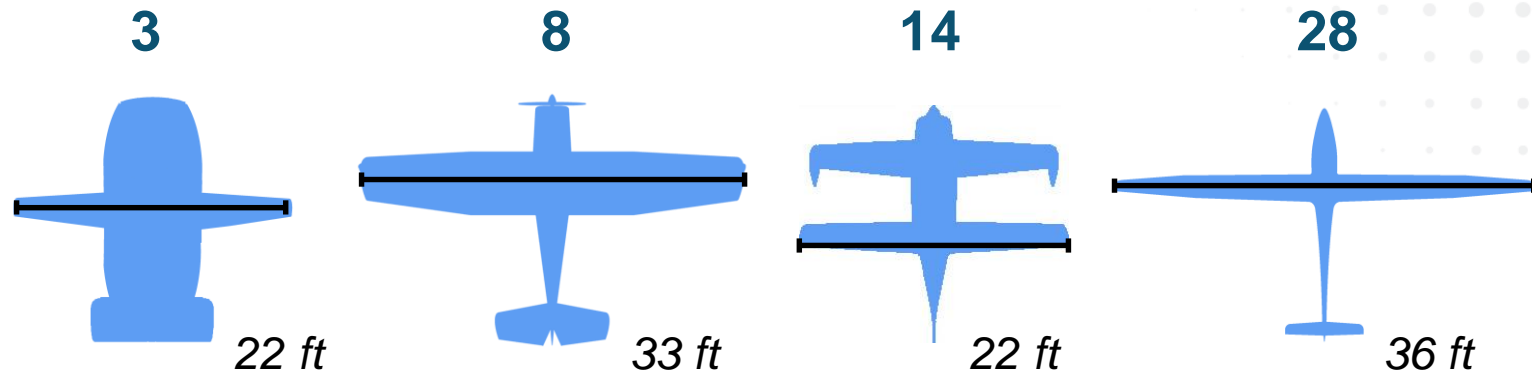
## Key assumptions:

1100 lb aircraft  
 $\eta_{\text{battery}} = 97\%$

$\eta_{\text{EM}} = 92\%$   
 $\eta_{\text{prop}} = 80\%$

# Estimation of MPG

## Cruise Lift over Drag (L/D)



Cruise power	80 kW	45 kW	28 kW	16 kW
% mgh	5%	13%	20%	35%
% weight battery	94%	38%	24%	15%
<b>MPG</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>200</b>



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